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Gladiolus Bulbs

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Gladiolus "Opalescent"

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Please Read Every Word of This

The bulbs of choice old and new varieties of gladiolus offered herein are of best quality pure stock. My customers speak highly of them and their product. They are winners.

When a grower boasts that his bulbs are the BEST in the world he's—well, advertising. Oregon grown bulbs are hard to beat, and mine are all grown in Oregon. Scabby stock is a rare thing and when found is burned, NOT SOLD. Here are a few pleasant words for my stock:

"They were mighty fine," R. G. Smith, Portland.

"Not a rogue among them," S. B. Hunt, New York.

C. W. Thacker, Michigan, speaks highly of the quality of the bulbs and their product. See what he says about SACAJAWEA.

The gladiolus is not as widely known or grown as it should be. No other flower has such a wide range of tints, colors and color combinations. Most of them are unexcelled for cut flowers and decorative work. Others are better adapted for landscape uses.

To encourage more extensive planting my stock is offered at unusually attractive prices for the retail trade. Moreover I don't skimp on the count. Shipments will be prepaid at these prices to any address where parcels post goes in the United States, its territories, and Canada. Canadian customers must not fail to secure import permit, file it with their Collector of Customs, and advise me its number.

Plant them in liberal quantities in the spring as soon as danger of freezing is past. Cover about three inches in heavy soils, deeper in light and sandy soils. Water well about once a week and cultivate as soon as possible afterwards.

TERMS: Cash with order. Minimum mail order \$1.00. All orders accepted subject to prior sale. Better order early and avoid disappointments.

Give me the names and addresses of your flower-growing friends and I will put some good extras in with your order.

Unless otherwise designated bulbs are $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter or larger; medium sizes are about $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter.

Initials or names of originators usually appear after the names of the varieties: Kunderd (K), Diener (D), etc.

COLLECTIONS.

I do not find satisfaction in a dealer's combination offer if it includes varieties already in my collection or varieties that I am acquainted with and do not care for. Perhaps you feel the same way. Therefore make your own selections from the list and, in addition to the usual extras,

Sacajawea

The new velvety red gladiolus with golden bronze overcast. Originated in Portland by Dr. Geo. B. Pratt of Bengal Tiger fame.

Large Bulbs \$5.00 each. Three, \$12.50.

Limited three to a purchaser.

No planting stock or bulblets offered this year. The price will remain the same for three seasons.

THE NAME.

Sac-a-ja-wea (Bird Woman) was the Shoshone Indian wife of a French-Canadian fur trader who had found her with the Sioux. They were living with the friendly Mandans near the site of Bismarck, N. D., when Lewis and Clark reached that point on their expedition to the Pacific. Sacajawea was anxious to see her own people again and, accompanied by her husband, became the guide for the expedition from the upper tributaries of the Missouri across the Rockies. She was memorialized at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, in 1905, by an attractive statue in bronze, which now graces Washington Park.

THE COLOR.

The originator calls it "velvety Indian red"; that is the foundation color. G. W. Thacker, in his catalog, calls it a "real golden bronze"; that is the overcast. Under artificial light, or viewed from a room against the light, the foundation color is more apparent, and is softened and enriched.

SACAJAWEA'S DEBUT.

A year ago only about a dozen so-called blooming size bulbs existed. These were all sent to Mr. John C. Davis for planting in the American Gladiolus Society exhibition gardens at Rochester, N. Y. The season was backward, and Sacajawea, being a mid-season bloomer, missed the national show. It attracted so much favorable attention that Mr. Davis became a big booster for it. A No. 4 bulb was sent to Mr. G. W. Thacker, LeRoy, Michigan, president Michigan State Gladiolus Society, for trial. Fortunately this one bloomed just in time for the Michigan show at Lansing, where it drew a great deal of interest. Mr. Thacker has written me a great many fine things about it and lists it in his catalog. Though my stock consisted of smaller bulbs and some bulblets I had many fine blooms. I was disappointed because my absence from home during the month of August prevented my exhibiting the variety at the Portland regional show.

COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES.

A leading Portland florist greatly admired it and pronounced it better than Rose Ash—and flower shops here are well stocked with Rose Ash blooms in their season. A lady passing The Optical Shop saw a vase of Sacajawea blooms in the show window and came in to ask Dr. Pratt where they could be bought. She was disappointed to learn that there were no more in existence for she needed a quantity of blooms of just that color to work into a decorating scheme.

SOME NOTABLE POINTS.

"It is a good novelty, quite a tall grower, good fluorescence, and keeping qualities," says Mr. Davis. "It is the most unusual color I have ever seen in the Gladiolus, and the blooms are very large and wide open. Surely fine," writes G. W. Thacker.

Even my bulblet stock made blooms over five inches across.

The stems are willowy and strong, giving a graceful effect.

The color does not fade, but holds tenaciously to the last bud. It is not adversely affected by a hot sun.

It is a good propagator. One bulb, grown from No. 6 stock, had 381 bulblets and no unusual methods were used to produce this result. Bulblets germinate well.

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I will include selected bulbs as follows:

Orders \$3.00 to \$5.00, one Badenia, or 3 Mrs. Douglas.

Orders \$5.50 to \$7.50, one Cardinal Prince.

Orders \$8.00 to \$10.00, one half size SACAJAWEA.

Orders \$11.00 to \$15.00, one large SACAJAWEA.

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NEW AND RARE NOVELTIES

Priced each: SIX for the price of 5.

TWELVE for the price of 10.

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| ALLAN V. BUNCE (Bill) Livid orange yellow..... | \$ 1.00 |
| BADENIA Light clear blue..... | .50 |
| BREAK O'DAY (Bill) Extra fine, very early, soft La France pink over cream | 4.00 |
| CARDINAL, PRINCE (K) Brilliant cardinal self..... | 1.00 |
| CATHERINE COLEMAN (C) Giant salmon. Rare.... | .60 |
| CHALICE FLOWER (K) Tall, ruffled, cupped blooms of light creamy white | 1.50 |
| CHAMELEON (Bill) Like changeable silk of lilac, purple, violet and orange | .50 |
| DEL ORO (Burbank) Bright pure salmon..... | 1.00 |
| E. B. WILLIAMSON (K) Deep mallow purple prim. | .35 |
| FONTAINE (C) Dainty ruffled peaches and cream.... | .35 |
| GERTRUDE ERREY (Errey) Beautiful shell pink..... | 2.00 |
| GOLD EAGLE (Austin) Beautifully ruffled deep yellow. Early. An achievement in color. Large bulb | 12.00 |
| No. 4 bulb | 5.00 |
| HELEN WILLS (Salbach) A most beautiful white without marking | 10.00 |
| KING OF THE BLUES. Deep royal purple. Small blooms but in big demand..... | .50 |
| KIVA (Burbank) Large yellow-pink. Rare..... | 1.00 |

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| LOS ANGELES (H) Soft pink, orange red blotch..... | .25 |
| MRS. P. W. SISSON (C) Self cameo pink. Large..... | 10.00 |
| No. 4 | 4.50 |
| ORANGE FLAME (K) Brilliant orange red..... | .50 |
| SUNNYMEDE (F) Rare orange yellow, medium blooms, red blotch. Stocks scarce..... | .40 |
| SULPHUR FRILLS (K) Heavily ruffled sulphur..... | .30 |
| VEILCHENBLAU (Pf.) Violet blue. Five to sell. Each | 1.50 |
| The five | 7.00 |

Mrs. Van Konynenburg, Phaenomen and Veilchenblau stocks secured from Holland last season are grown under bond. Will be offered for sale after January 1, 1928.

OLDER STANDARD VARIETIES AND NOVELTIES

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| ALICE TIPLADY (K) Prim. Orange saffron..... | .04 |
| ANNA EBERIUS (D) Deep rhodamine purple..... | .10 |
| BENGAL TIGER (Pratt) Bright old rose red with chocolate striping; yellow throat | .10 |
| CRIMSON GLOW (Betscher) Large rich crimson..... | .10 |
| DR. F. E. BENNETT (D) Deep flame scarlet..... | .50 |
| DR. W. VAN FLEET (K) Early ruffled pink & cream | .10 |
| D. AMERICAN BEAUTY (D) American beauty, cream throat | .15 |
| ELORA (Burbank) Early creamy white | .10 |
| ELIZABETH TABOR (Hinkle) Early large pink, blotched | .20 |
| EARLY SNOWFLAKE (Kemp) Early white, flecked rose | .07 |
| FERN KYLE (K) Large creamy white..... | .30 |
| GIANT MYRTLE (K) Soft pink, creamy throat..... | .20 |
| GLENDALE (Davis) Tall, graceful American beauty | .15 |
| GOLD (Decorah) Very fine yellow..... | .15 |
| GOLDEN MEASURE (Kel) Large light yellow..... | .12 |
| GLADIS PLATH (D) Mallow purple, deep crimson lip. One of the most talked of in my garden..... | .15 |
| HAZEL DAWN (Dec.) Tall fine pink..... | .18 |
| HAWAII (D) Rose pink, dark blotch..... | .12 |
| J. A. CARBONE (D) Iridescent orange pink..... | .30 |
| JENNY LIND (Dec.) Coral pink, cream throat..... | .15 |
| JEWELL (Z) Large prim. Light pink, yellow throat | .10 |
| JACK LONDON (D) Salmon; orange flame stripes... | .12 |
| LUCETTE (Bill) Excellent white for cutting..... | .08 |
| MADISON COOPER (K) Purplish satiny red | .15 |
| MARIE KUNDRED (K) Early white, ruffled..... | .15 |
| MARY PICKFORD (K) White, lemon lip..... | .08 |
| MATTIE BELL (Rooney) Apricot, penciled chocolate | .40 |
| MING TOY (K) Large buff prim..... | .10 |
| MISS MADISON (Boynton) New popular shell pink | .35 |
| MISS SPOKANE (K) Frosty rose pink, ruffled..... | .15 |
| MRS. H. E. BOTHIN (D) Ruffled geranium pink..... | .10 |

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| MRS. LEON DOUGLAS (D) Tall and large. Begonia rose, flame stripes. In great demand..... | .20 |
| MRS. F. C. PETERS (F) Best lavender EXTRA..... | .15 |
| MRS. RICHD. LOHRMAN (D) Ruffled flaked shell pink | .15 |
| MURIEL (Pf.) Heliotrope, lilac throat..... | .08 |
| OPALESCENT (Bill) Pale rose lavender..... | .35 |
| PURPLE GLORY (K) Tall ruffled garnet..... | .15 |
| PEACE Tall white | .04 |
| RED FIRE (K) Brilliant red | .15 |
| RICHARD DIENER (D) Geranium pink EXTRA..... | .20 |
| ROSE ASH (D) "Ashes of roses"..... | .08 |
| SUNSET GLOW (Gibbs) Prim. Orange red, yellow throat. Landscape architects find it most excel- lent for a bright spot in the garden..... | .15 |
| TYRIAN BEAUTY (K) Magnificent Tyrian rose..... | .10 |
| VANITY (Bill) Tall, graceful, LaFrance pink on creamy white. Extra large prim..... | .20 |
| VIOLET GLORY (K) Deep violet, slightly ruffled..... | .10 |
| WHITE CITY Tall pure white, slender stems..... | .10 |
| WHITE GLORY (K) Ruffled white, lilac throat..... | .10 |
| VESTA TILLEY Early white, purple blotches..... | .08 |

MIXTURES:

I do not purposely grow mixtures. Lots 1 and 2 were bought for pure stock, but after seeing the results do not sell them that way. If you want them please do not ask me to mail them long distances without a substantial order from the named lists, because the prices asked would not pay postage and packing.

- LOT 1. MARSHAL FOCH—DR. VAN FLEET. Prob-
ably 90% Foch. Worth twice the price, per dozen \$.40
- LOT 2. ANNA EBERIUS, MRS. M. S. BURKE,
MURIEL. Supposed to be BURKE;; bad guess.
All good, though. Dozen25
- LOT 3. ODDS and ENDS. I will mix from good
named sorts odds and ends for clearance. Dozen .25

